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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 46 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-46-13

The Izhut Bay Section south of a line from Haystack Rock (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) to Pillar Cape (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.) will open to commercial salmon fishing until further notice beginning at noon Tuesday, August 27.

There will be a <u>6-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period from **noon Tuesday**, **August 27 until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday**, **August 27** in the **Outer Kitoi Bay Section** of the **Afognak District**.

There will be a <u>54-hour</u> commercial salmon fishing period, from <u>noon</u> <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 27 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday</u>, <u>August 29</u> in the <u>Inner Ayakulik Section</u> of the <u>Southwest Kodiak District</u>. Waters will be <u>open to the stream terminus</u> of the Ayakulik River (stream #256-201).

The **Raspberry Strait Section** of the **Afognak District** will <u>close</u> to commercial salmon fishing at **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27**.

The current commercial salmon fishing period in the Outer Ayakulik Section of the Southwest Kodiak District will be extended from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 28 until further notice.

As previously announced:

The Izhut Bay Section <u>north</u> of a line from Haystack Rock (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) to Pillar Cape (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.) will <u>open</u> to commercial salmon fishing <u>until further notice</u> beginning at **noon Monday, August 26**.

The Pauls Bay Section of the Afognak District will close to commercial salmon fishing at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 28.

The following areas are currently **open until further notice:**

- The **Eastside Kodiak District**:
- The Northeast Kodiak District:
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**;
- The Halibut Bay, Sturgeon, and Outer Karluk sections of the Southwest Kodiak District:
- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the **Inner Uganik Bay Section** which **remains closed**); and
- The Southwest Afognak, Northwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, Northeast Afognak, Perenosa Bay, Duck Bay, and Shuyak Island sections of the Afognak District.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.